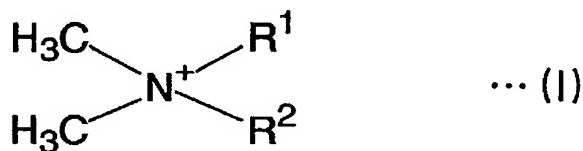
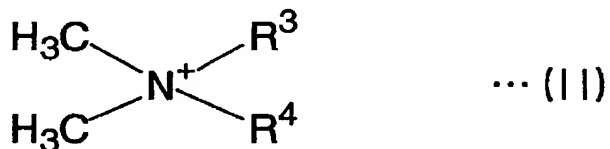


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a gel composition capable of maintaining a high viscosity controlling ability over a wide polarity range from a low to a high polarity and also capable of exhibiting an excellent viscosity stability over a prolonged period as well as such nail enamel. The composition comprises cation-modified clay mineral, wherein cations of said cation-modified clay mineral comprise quaternary ammonium cation represented by Formula (I):



wherein R¹ is a C₁₋₉ alkyl group, a phenyl group or a C₇₋₉ aralkyl group and R² is a C₁₀₋₃₆ alkyl group, and Formula (II):



wherein R³ and R⁴ are independent from each other and each represents a C₁₀₋₃₆ alkyl group. Preferably, said cation-modified clay mineral comprises cation-modified clay minerals A and B whose cations are Cations (I) and (II) respectively in a weight ratio of A:B from 55:45 to 99.9:0.1.